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QUALITY OF EXPORTABLE GOODS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total value of goods exported from India during the period from 2000-2001 to 2002-2003;

(b) the arrangements made by the Government during the said period to check the quality of goods before exporting;

(c) the amount of goods which were found to be substandard before export; and

(d) the details of the goods refused by the importing countries after export during the said period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a). The total value of goods exported from India was US$ 44076 million in 2000-01, US$ 43795 million in 2001-02 and US$ 51702 million in 2002-03, respectively.

(b). Under the provisions of the Export (Quality control and Inspection) Act, 1963 whichcame into force in 1964, a number of commodities were notified, for which compulsory quality control and pre-shipment inspection are mandatory.

(c) Sub-standard goods are not allowed for export.

(d). However, few cases of import refusal by EU countries have been brought to our notice which largely pertain to Marine products due to the reported presence of Antibiotic residues, Salmonella, Nitrofurans, etc.